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A&E funds earmarked for public library collections

In mid-March, the State Library will make the first payments to Missouri public libraries resulting from the passage of Senate Bill 724 in 1998. This legislation marks the first state funds dedicated to improving library collections.

Senate Bill 724 earmarks, for 10 years, the previously undedicated 50 percent of the state income tax revenue from nonresident professional athletes and entertainers who work in Missouri to a cultural partnership which includes the Missouri State Library Networking Fund. For FY2000, the fund provides \$829,109 for public libraries. Ten percent of the revenue is also earmarked for the Missouri Humanities Council, public broadcasting (including public television and radio), and historic preservation. Sixty percent of the tax revenue will go to the Missouri Arts Council.

Secretary of State Bekki Cook has stated, "This money will be used to assist local libraries in purchasing books. Public libraries across Missouri are operating with tight budgets, and this money will provide a much-needed boost. We are pleased it was approved by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Carnahan."

These funds provide an opportunity for public libraries to improve both the quality and the quantity of their book collections. It

is a challenge to find funds to replace outdated materials and keep collections current, particularly in areas where information changes rapidly such as health, business, the sciences, and consumer information. These funds should help libraries do a better job of providing accurate and needed information to their communities.

Payments will be made to each library certified for the state aid program. The fund of \$829,109 is allocated in three parts. The six largest library districts will receive a payment of \$50,000 each from the fund. Of the remaining \$529,109, half of the available funds will be used to give each library a base payment of \$1,120.99 for each library building in its district. The other half of the funds will be used to provide a match to the amount of collection expenditures reported by the library on its 1999 statistical report form. A chart showing the total payment to each library district will be posted on the State Library's website in mid-March.

Libraries can expect to receive the payments in mid-March. An announcement of the dates for electronic funds transfer will be sent by e-mail and fax.



Missouri children name picture book winner

No, David! by David Shannon (Scholastic, 1998) is the 1999 winner of the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award. More than 5,300 children throughout the state voted on their favorite picture book last fall. This is the largest number of children to participate in the selection process since the award's inception in 1996.

The award was developed to promote and encourage reading aloud to children from birth through kindergarten. Each year, anyone who works with children in a public library setting may nominate titles for award consideration. The final list of 10 titles is made by a group of reader/selectors.

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Minimum specs for automation grants

The State Library has instituted minimum specifications for equipment requested through the Basic Equipment and Automation grant programs. These specifications may change with each call for proposals. The intent is to be sure libraries do not buy obsolete equipment or insufficient capability. All equipment must meet the following current requirements:

Computer workstations

- 500 Mhz processor
- 128 MB RAM
- Graphics video card with 4 MB RAM
- 17" monitor
- 10 GB hard drive
- 3 1/2 floppy drive
- CD-ROM drive
- 10/100 twisted pair ethernet network card, if you have (or plan to implement) an ethernet network

Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack 5 is strongly recommended, but individual libraries still have the option to install Windows 98 if local needs dictate.

Laptop computers

- Same as computer workstations above, with the exception of monitor size.

Servers

- 500 MHz processor
- 256 Meg RAM
- Graphics video card with 4 MB RAM
- 15" monitor
- 10 GB hard drive plus software storage (i.e., gigabyte FREE hard disk space AFTER all software installations have been made)
- 3 1/2 floppy drive
- CD-ROM drive
- 10/100 twisted pair ethernet network card
- Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack 5 is strongly recommended, but individual libraries have the option to install Windows 98 if local needs dictate.
- If a workstation is used as a server, the above "Computer workstation" minimum applies.
- These minimum specifications for servers will not be sufficient if there are large

numbers of users or if there are any processor-intensive applications installed onto the server. Additional processors and/or memory may be required at the least. Libraries are encouraged to be sure these servers have sufficient capacity to handle the amount and complexity of work to be done.

State Library invites automation grant proposals

On June 11, 1996, Governor Mel Carnahan signed House Bill No. 1020, which included a \$3 million capital improvements project for public library automation. An additional appropriation of \$786,426 was made available on July 1, 1999.

This General Revenue funding will continue to be available for grant projects over the next two to three years. All projects will require a minimum match of 25% local funds.

The funds will be awarded through competitive grant processes. Four types of projects will be funded:

- Planning grants for retrospective conversion and automation projects
- Conversion of records to machine-readable format
- Automation of libraries still using manual systems
- Upgrade of libraries currently automated to meet standards, to offer more extensive services, and/or to increase capacity to serve the public.

Libraries may apply for funds singly, or as a consortium project. Applications will be reviewed by an independent committee, with the final decisions for grant awards to be made by the Secretary of State.

Application deadline is April 12, 2000 (postmarked) or April 14, 2000 (hand-delivered to the State Library by 5 PM).

Further information about the application process may be requested from Carl Wingo, Library Development, 800-325-0131, ext. 12, (573) 526-1087, or wingoc@sosmail.state.mo.us.

New TV series emphasizes libraries and literacy

What do a family of lions, a mouse, a thesaurus, and a library have in common? They are all part of a new children's television series being launched this spring to help children ages 4 to 7 learn to read.

Between the Lions, one of the most ambitious and far-reaching children's media projects since **Sesame Street**, will begin its first season on April 3 on PBS stations nationwide. Co-produced by Sirius Thinking Ltd. and WGBH Boston, the daily, half-hour program is expected to attract millions of viewers per week during its initial phase of 30 programs.

The American Library Association and two of its divisions, the Association for Library Service to Children and the American Association of School Librarians, are "founding partners" in an extensive outreach project accompanying the series. ALA has been involved in the series' development since 1996 and worked with libraries across the country to provide library books for the **Between the Lions** set.

Between the Lions uses a mix of music, stories, animation, live action, and puppetry and is named for a family of lions that run a not-quite-ordinary library. The goal of the series is to create a multimedia "virtual classroom" in which children find the tools they need to learn to read and where they can seek out books and information from libraries and online sources. A major objective is getting books to children, getting children to books (through libraries), and involving parents and other adults in making sure young children are read to every day. Developed with literacy experts across the country, the curriculum also emphasizes the value and pleasure of reading.



The **Between the Lions** website will offer kid-friendly navigation, interactive stories, print materials to download, and comprehensive support for parents, caregivers, and educators. To find out more about the website or to sign up for "The Paw Print," an e-mail newsletter, go to www.pbskids.org/lions.

National Library Week connects with kids

To kick off National Library Week 2000 (April 9-15), libraries are invited to participate in a national **Connect for Kids Day@the Library** on Saturday, April 8. Sponsored by the American Library Association in partnership with the Benton Foundation, Connect for Kids Day is designed to showcase resources for children and families in their communities.

The event will provide a "one-stop" shopping experience for families to learn more about community programs that can benefit them. Along with special programs, presentations and displays, a special highlight will be the Benton Foundation's Connect for Kids website (www.connectforkids.org), which provides a weekly electronic newsletter, a monthly e-zine, and links to more than 1,500 websites and 1,750 organizations working on behalf of children and families.

A free Connect for Kids Day poster with tips for organizing an event, is available from the ALA Public Information Office by calling 800-545-2433, ext. 5044/5041; e-mail: pio@ala.org. An online version is posted on the ALA website at www.ala.org/kidsday.

March is Small Press Month

One million books each year are published by 50,000 small, independent publishers. For the past three years, March has been designated Small Press Month, with a panoply of events across the country highlighting the diversity, energy, and commitment of these entrepreneurs.

Partnering with the Small Press Center for the celebration is the Publishers Marketing



Media Channel

<http://mediachannel.org>

A supersite that calls itself a "reading room, a research center, and a meeting place for everyone with an interest in the media." From this site, you can access hundreds of media issues and organizations from all over the globe including media watch groups, university journalism departments, professional organizations, anti-censorship monitors, and trade publications.

Back Flip

<http://backflip.com>

This free online tool allows you to transform your bookmarks and favorite websites into a private search engine you can personalize and access from any computer. (Site contains commercial advertisements)

The Official U.S. Time

<http://www.time.gov/>

This public service is provided by the two time agencies of the United States: a Department of Commerce agency, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and its military counterpart, the U.S. Naval Observatory. Readings from the clocks of these agencies contribute to world time, called Coordinated Universal Time. This site also includes links to an international time zones site and to sites about clocks, time, and calendars.

Citizens refuse library net filters

In the first U.S. ballot measure to deal with library filters, citizens in Holland, Michigan, voted down an ordinance that would have required installation of filters in public library computers to keep children from accessing objectionable sites. The ordinance would have eliminated funding to libraries that didn't install filters.

The story received significant media attention, with MSNBC suggesting that it was a microcosm of larger questions about the future of public Internet use. To read more about the issue, check these websites:

- www.msnbc.com/news/362856.asp
- <http://cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/02/21/michigan.filters/index.html>

Association, a 17-year-old California-based organization that now represents more than 3,400 publishers.

Some notable small and independent press successes over the past few years include: National Book Award winner *Cold Mountain* (Grove/Atlantic), *The Impressionists' Paris* (Little Bookroom), *Girlfriends and The Girlfriends Keepsake Book* (Wildcat Canyon Press), *Guess How Much I Love You* (Candlewick), and the 13 *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books (Health Communications).

For information and to order posters and bookmarks, call the Publishers Marketing Association (PMA) at 31-372-2732.

The impact of arts on learning

Have you ever wondered how the arts can improve academic performance, energize teachers, and transform learning environments?

A recent report called "Champions of Change" compiles the results of seven major studies and provides important new evidence of enhanced learning and achievement when the arts are an integral part of the educational experience, both in and out of America's K-12 schools. Among the findings:

- ❖ The arts have a measurable impact on students in "high poverty" and urban settings.
- ❖ Students with high level of arts participation outperform "arts-poor" students on virtually every measure. Researchers have found that sustained involvement in the arts correlates with success in other subjects and that connection is particularly strong between music and success in math.

To read the report online, visit <http://arts-edge.kennedy-center.org/champions>.

Intellectual property and digital technology

The Computer Science and Telecommunications Board (CSTB) of the National Research Council has released a report on intellectual property and new technology.

Library experts Clifford Lynch, director of the Coalition for Networked Information, and Gary Strong, director of the Queens Borough Public Library, were part of the CSTB Committee on Intellectual Property Rights and the Emerging Information Infrastructure that worked on the report.

The report's message to policy makers is to "slow down." *The Digital Dilemma: Intellectual Property in the Information Age* argues that we are in the early days of developing new paradigms for the creation, distribution, and use of digital information resources. New intellectual property law, if enacted before there is a better understanding of new developments, could preclude the evolution of new models for both users and providers of information resources. Furthermore, it could have unintended negative consequences for education, research, and public access to vital information.

With the advent of new electronic media, some traditional concepts need to be reevaluated and may no longer be relevant. In particular, the notions "copy" and "publication" may need to be reassessed regarding their meaning in an electronic environment. The report recommends that copyright be reconsidered based on its Constitutional origin, "to promote the progress of science and the useful arts," while still providing an economic incentive to authors and publishers.

Several committee members suggest that copyright holders and proprietors consider business models that would provide an incentive for individuals to behave legally—by providing new value-added services that the public requires and by pricing materials reasonably.

Finally, the report raises questions about the possible implications for legal protections of technological measures for controlling access to proprietary digital resources. It suggests there are serious concerns about whether the use of technological protection measures is even desirable when considering privacy and fair use. As technological protection services are being tested and created, legislators are encouraged to "wait and see" before enacting any new intellectual property legislation.

Libraries part of "information and data processing services" in Economic Census

The Census Bureau is currently releasing data for Missouri industries from its most recent economic census. Economic censuses are conducted every five years after business data are available for years ending in 2 and 7. Information from the 1997 Economic Census is being released as reports are compiled between 1999 and 2001.

Information provided by industry in the Economic Census include: number of establishments, sales or receipts, number of employees, and payroll.

A sampling from Missouri shows:

- ❖Retailers in the state made \$51.3 billion in sales in 1997.
- ❖There were 423 book, periodical, and music stores with a combined payroll of \$36,734,000.
- ❖268 newspaper publishers hired 9,047 employees.
- ❖Combined payroll for all health care and social assistance equaled \$8,007,261,000.

Libraries are included in the "information and data processing services" subsector of the information sector in the Economic Census. In addition to libraries, this subsector employs 7,749 people in Missouri and includes news syndicates, archives, online information service providers, and data processors.

A significant change in industry classifications was introduced as a part of the 1997 Economic Census, after the Office of Man-

agement and Budget announced that the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) would replace the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes.* SIC codes had been used for industry classification in the United States since the 1930s. But the introduction and growth of whole new sectors of industry, coupled with a desire to make industry classifications uniform in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S., led to the adoption of NAICS.

New U.S. industries identified in NAICS call to mind the business and social changes that have taken place in society over the past several years—gas stations with convenience food, hazardous waste collection, cellular and other wireless communications, diet and weight reducing centers, and fiber optic cable manufacturing.

Summary statistics from the Economic Census for states, metropolitan statistical areas, counties, and towns are available in Adobe Acrobat format on the World Wide Web at www.census.gov/epcd.www/econ97.html.

Minority-owned and women-owned business reports are scheduled for release later in 2000; zip code statistics will be released in 2001.

* For additional information and correspondence tables, see www.census.gov/epcd/www.naicsind.htm.



Libraries, the First Amendment, and Cyberspace

The First Amendment is inextricably tied up with all kinds of library service, from providing meeting rooms for patrons and lending materials to children to giving patrons access to the Internet.

Libraries, the First Amendment, and Cyberspace, written by Robert S. Peck, director of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, examines how and in what areas the First Amendment affects library decision making and service delivery. With attention to today's electronic environment, Peck's book deals with the questions librarians most often have about censorship, access, the role of the library, and their rights and responsibilities.

The book is available for \$32.00 (American Library Association members, \$28.00) from ALA Editions, 800-545-2433, ext. 7.

Show Me Reader Award Nominees 2000-2001

Arnold, Marsha. *Pumpkin Runner*
Bateman, Teresa. *Leprechaun Gold*
Carlson, Laurie. *Boss to the Plains*
Ernst, Lisa. *Stella Louella's Runaway Book*
Joose, Barbara. *Lewis & Papa*
Levitin, Sonio. *Boomtown*
Martin, Jacqueline. *Snowflake Bentley*
Millman, Isaac. *Moses Goes to a Concert*
Nolen, Jerdine. *Raising Dragons*
Root, Phyllis. *Aunt Nancy and Cousin Lazybones*



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

MU's Health Sciences Library receives NLMM grant

The J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library at the University of Missouri-Columbia is one of 49 institutions nationwide to receive funding for an electronic health information project.

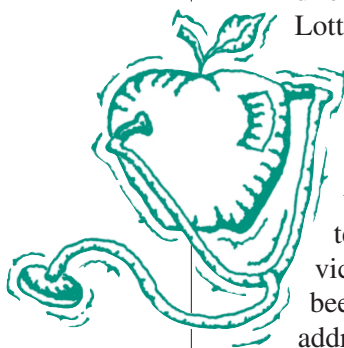
The university plans to reach out to consumers at a location where they frequently congregate—the shopping mall. The university sponsors a Consumer Information Center in the Columbia Mall that will be expanded to include more health care information. The On Call Online portion of the service has grown exponentially and there are backlogs of consumer questions. The Health Sciences Library will enhance its consumer website by providing more links to health information, thus alleviating the work overload of the On Call Online service. Experienced staff will assist a student worker in screening and linking sites. Organization of the site will be done in consultation with the nurses who already assist the public in finding answers to their health questions.

With the expansion of service, the library is trying to "build something worth coming to for consumers and for patients and their families" said Deborah Ward, project director and director of the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library at

MU. She noted that public librarians and health science librarians have often worked together to provide health information to their patrons, through interlibrary loan and reference services, but until now, there hasn't been an inexpensive, easy way to address these information needs.

Through the Internet, Ward sees the potential for increased collaboration between Missouri's public libraries and health science libraries.

The J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library maintains an extensive health information website at www.muhealth.org/~library/.



This website will be expanded to become the focus of the project funded through the National Library of Medicine.

The National Library of Medicine is a component of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. It is the world's largest medical library with holdings of more than five million books, journals, and other materials. Its treasures span the centuries, from the text of an 11th century Islamic medical manuscript to the immense image files of the "Visible Humans."

Award helps Kansas City Public Library staff

The Kansas City Public Library's staff development program, *Learning for a Lifetime*, has been recognized on a national level by receiving the annual Urban Libraries Council/Highsmith Award of Excellence. The \$1,000 award will be presented on June 9 during the American Library Association's annual conference in Chicago.

The Award of Excellence this year recognized the accomplishment of a member library for creation, or innovative modification, of a library staff development program. Specifically, the library was recognized for developing a long-term program that increases the library's ability to serve the community by broadening the technical and interpersonal skills of staff. The program was also recognized by the Awards Committee for being an effective, replicable, and innovative model program for attracting and retaining staff in a time when librarians are in short supply.

Kansas City Public's executive director, Daniel Bradbury, says the program is designed to "grow our own" staff, providing incentives and opportunities for staff at all levels to receive training. "This training, organized as regular continuing education credits, rewards staff who wish to continue learning and growing in their field. More importantly, it benefits our community by broadly training available staff to assist with the library customers' learning needs—whether it's finding resources on the shelves or online."

In the five years of the program's existence, more than 690 training sessions have been held for 2,596 participants. An important measure of success is that Kansas City Public enjoys a high rate of staff retention and advancement.

The award will be invested in the *Learning for a Lifetime* program, demonstrating the library's continued commitment to staff.

Mid-Missouri library districts merge

The Eldon City Council voted in January to approve an ordinance dissolving the Eldon Library District and asking to become part of the Miller County Library District. The move would equalize the tax levy for all residents and leave one board to operate the entire district.

Pierce City builds new library

A \$100,000 gift from Springfield attorney David H. Jones has made possible the renovation of a former garage into a new library for Pierce City, a southwest Missouri town of 1,600. Jones grew up in Pierce City and realized the need for a new facility to replace the Harold Bell Wright Library, which had been housed in an old church since 1933. The church has historical value in that Harold Bell Wright, author of *The Shepherd of the Hills*, preached there.

Recently completed, the new library has been named for Jones. Expanded hours of service have been instituted, and several new programs have been established, including a Saturday storytime for children.

Puxico Public Library gift

John and Betty Glenn have sent a check for \$10,000 to the Puxico Public Library to add to the trust they endowed last year to honor their children. Interest from the trust is used to purchase books and other needed materials for the library. The Glenn's gift was the second check for \$10,000 the library has received from the couple.

"Our library is so fortunate to have the Glenns as patrons," said Puxico Public Li-

Support for Wright County Library's lawsuit comes from fans

Since the Wright County Library board filed its lawsuit to claim royalties from Laura Ingalls Wilder's books, the case has made both state, national, and even international news. From *The New York Times* and the *Miami Herald* to *The London Sunday Telegraph* and *People* magazine, the case has brought letters, e-mail, and phone calls to the small library in Mansfield, where Wilder lived and worked. Librarian Carrie Cline has been interviewed countless times, but says she most enjoys hearing from Wilder fans who have called, written, or sent e-mail. A sampling of fan mail follows:

"I have enjoyed all of Mrs. Wilder's books and have seen every episode of 'Little House.' I have passed on my enthusiasm to my students here in New York, and it seems her stories are timeless classics. I felt I had to send something to repay Mrs. Wilder for the joy she has brought to my life and to all of the others she has touched." (Maura Whelan, Theills, NY)

My name is Antonia. I am 5 years old and my daddy is reading me the Little House books. I love them. I read about you in *People* magazine and I hope you get your money. Here is two dollars to help you." (Antonia, Santa Barbara, CA)

Mrs. Wilder was a clear writer and a sensible woman, and it is doubtful that she would have tolerated either a poorly drafted will or the people who are fighting against her wishes. The idea that profits from her books are not being used to support a library, as she intended, is unconscionable." (Marjorie Lynch, letter to the editor, *The New York Times*)

Cline has even heard about a book club in California where the members were baking Laura's recipes and having a bake sale for the library's cause.



brary board president Jean Holloway.

Kirkwood Public Library hosts romance novelists for Valentine's workshop

Two of St. Louis' best-known romance writers presented a workshop on the romance novel at Kirkwood Public Library on Febru-

New studies focus on online usage

Several recent studies shed light on our increasing use of and reliance upon computers.

Research groups at Rutgers University and the University of Connecticut found that time spent on a computer accounts for 35 percent of U.S. employees' workday. Seventy percent of respondents use office computers at least one hour a day, and 36 percent use the computer for at least half of the workday. Workers spend 23 percent of their working hours on the Net. The most commonly used applications are e-mail and word processing, which was cited by 80 percent of respondents.

A Stanford University survey of 4,113 adults is one of the first of its size to deal with the societal impact of the Internet era. Conducted by the university's Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society, the study found that 55 percent of Americans have access to the Internet at work or at home; about 20 percent of regular Internet Users spend more than five hours a week online. Of those 20 percent, 13 percent spend less time with family and friends, 8 percent attend fewer social events, and 25 percent spend more time working at home in addition to a full day at the office. The study also reveals that Americans are abandoning traditional forms of mass media, such as newspapers and television, in favor of the Internet.

ary 15. Karyn Witmer-Gow and Eileen Dreyer shared their considerable knowledge in an in-tandem presentation designed to appeal to both the reader and the budding writer of romantic fiction.

Witmer-Gow, who writes as Elizabeth Grayson, has been writing since elementary school and published her first novel in 1986. It won the Waldenbook Award for the Best-selling Romance by a New Author, the first of many writing awards for her. A Kirkwood resident, Witmer-Gow is a founding member of the Missouri Chapter of Romance Writers of America and has presented many workshops in the St. Louis area.

Award-winning, best-selling author Eileen Dreyer, known as Kathleen Korbel to her Silhouette readers, has published 21 books for Silhouette since 1986, and under her own name, five suspense novels for Harper Paperbacks. In 1996, she was inducted into the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame, and her medical thriller, *Bad Medicine*, was nominated for the prestigious Anthony Award. She is a St. Louis native with a background in medicine. Her literary success is demonstrated by 10 awards and more than three million books in print worldwide.

During Valentine's Day week, the Kirkwood library held its first Romance Novel Book Fair. Held in the main room of the library, the fair offered more than 2,500 novels for sale, with books generally priced at five books for \$1.00.

Personal Notes

Doris J. Athy, longtime director of the Thomas Jefferson Regional Library in Jefferson City, died February 21, 2000. She was director of the Mexico-Audrain County Library and then spent 30 years as director of the Thomas Jefferson Regional Library (now Missouri River Regional Library). She assisted in forming the Heartland Regional Library System for Maries and Miller counties and was consultant for the district until the time of her death.

Athy was active in the Missouri Library

Riverside Regional Library announces grant

The Bank of America Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Riverside Regional Library as part of its Community Catalyst Grant program. The grant will be used to purchase books, to enhance a variety of continuing education program, and to increase awareness of local history and culture through displays and collections.

One of the roles the library has assumed in the community is as a "Formal Education Support Center," whereby the library works cooperatively with local schools and teachers in reserving collections for students to use for school assignments. The library also purchases books and audio/visual materials that can be borrowed by students to complete assignments.

The grant is part of an ongoing program managed by the Bank of America Foundation, in which \$250,000 in grants is awarded on a quarterly basis to nonprofit organizations with operating budgets of \$500,000 or less. Each quarter has a different theme, reflecting one of the four categories of the foundation's giving: education, health and human services, arts and culture, and community development. Grants are made to nonprofit institutions and organizations that enhance the quality of life and promote the public interest in the areas where the company conducts its business.

Association, serving two terms as treasurer and several terms as chair of the Legislative Committee. She also was active in the American Library Association. She was a member of the planning committees for the two Missouri Governor's Conferences on Library and Information Services.

She earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri and an M.L.S. from the University of Illinois-Urbana.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Mid-Missouri, 601 East High, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or to Heartland Regional Library System, P.O. Box 231, Vienna, MO 65582.

Todd Beckett has been named supervisor of the Natural Bridge Branch of St. Louis County Library. He joined the library staff last year and has been working in the reference department at Headquarters.

Beckett earned a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.A. in philosophy from St. Louis University, and an M.S. in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Jeanne Sullivan has assumed responsibility

for the Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL) project, which is headquartered at MOREnet in Columbia.

A staff member at MOREnet, Sullivan was coordinator of the Reference Desk before her new appointment. She also was involved in the E-rate program and will continue as the primary E-rate "answer person" as well as working on online reference resource licenses. She holds a B.S. in business administration and an M.A. in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Following is the first listing of LSTA grants awarded in Fall 1999. Next month's *newsline* will include additional LSTA awards.

Basic Equipment Grants — Tier 1

PCs and electronic services

<i>Library</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Equipment</i>
Appleton City Public Library	\$3,300	PCs, fax machine
Atchison County Library	\$1,443	PC
Bollinger County Library	\$5,528	PCs, hub, scanner
Brookfield Public Library	\$1,595	PC, printer
Brookfield Public Library	\$195	monitor, keyboard
Carnegie Public Library	\$430	UPS backup, zip drive with disks
Carnegie Public Library	\$400	printer
Daviess County Library	\$5,199	PCs, hub, printer
Hannibal Free Public Library	\$5,703	PCs
Hannibal Free Public Library	\$4,781	PCs
Keller Public Library	\$39,150	smartboard, data projector, DVD player, laptop PCs, wireless network, printer, fax
Kirkwood Public Library	\$19,037	PCs, server, software, scanner, printer, hub, patch cables, headphones, extension cords
Lebanon-Laclede County Library	\$3,700	switches
Little Dixie Regional Libraries	\$4,711	printer, monitors
McDonald County Library	\$795	printer

NCES provides library statistics online

The National Center for Education Statistics initiated a formal library statistics program in 1989 that now includes surveys on academic libraries, federal libraries and information centers, public libraries, school library media centers, state library agencies, and library cooperatives. Information about each of these survey areas is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/data.html>. Most of the information available to view and download is either in Adobe Acrobat's PDF or compressed into zip files.

To receive updates about the surveys, sign up for the NCES News Flash Subscription Service. This e-mail service is designed to automatically alert subscribers to new publications and information. Select the *Library Statistics Program* to receive alerts about the library surveys.

High marks for Missouri in travel survey

FamilyFun Magazine asked readers across the country to rate the best destinations in their region, the places that a visiting family would "just have to see." The survey results repeatedly point to Missouri as a "family fun" state with some of the world's top-rated family destinations and attractions. FamilyFun Magazine's 1999 Midwest Travel Awards:

-  Branson, Missouri, is rated the #1 Midwest Tourist Town.
-  St. Louis Zoo is rated the #2 Midwest Zoo. Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, Nebraska, is rated #1.
-  Bass Pro Shop, Springfield, Missouri, is rated the #2 Midwest Tourist Attraction. Mt. Rushmore, the Black Hills, South Dakota, is rated #1.
-  Science Center, St. Louis, is rated the #2 Midwest Museum. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is rated #1.
-  St. Louis is rated the #2 Midwest City for Families. Chicago is rated #1.
-  Silver Dollar City, Branson, is rated the #2 Midwest Amusement park. Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio, is rated #1.

LSTA Basic Equipment Grants – Tier 1 *(continued)*

<i>Library</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Equipment</i>
Mississippi County Library District	\$3,988	PCs, scanners
Missouri River Regional Library	\$8,651	server, backup tape drive
Missouri River Regional Library	\$33,550	laptop PCs, projector
New Madrid County Library	\$3,440	PCs, printer, UPS
North Kansas City Public Library	\$8,607	PCs, hub
Park Hills Public Library	\$3,490	PCs
Richmond Heights Memorial Library	\$3,174	printers, cables
River Bluffs Regional Library	\$9,075	digital scanner-printer
Scenic Regional Library	\$10,944	PCs, ethernet adapters, monitors, printers
Slater Public Library	\$5,450	PCs, monitors, printers,
Sweet Springs Public Library	\$4,075	PCs, printer
TOTAL	\$190,411	

Basic Equipment Grants – Tier 2

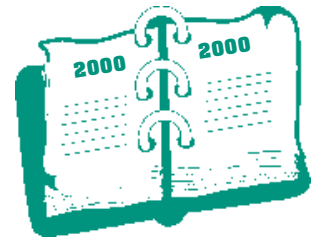
general library and office equipment

<i>Library</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Equipment</i>
Atchison County Library	\$500	scanner
Bollinger County Library	\$7,000	copier
Camden County Library District	\$5,995	copiers
Cameron Public Library	\$10,791	copiers, CD tower

LSTA Basic Equipment Grants – Tier 2 *(continued)*

<i>Library</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Equipment</i>
Canton Public Library	\$199	fax machine
Carnegie Public Library	\$500	copier
Carnegie Public Library	\$445	overhead projector
Crystal City Public Library	\$812	TV, data projector, typewriter
Dade County Library	\$7,671	reader-printer
De Soto Public Library	\$5,914	reader-printer
Douglas County Public Library	\$5,867	reader-printer
Gentry County library	\$2,503	DVD player, TV, TV-VCRs
Kansas City Public Library	\$1,500	scooter
Kansas City Public Library	\$57,530	reader-printers, scanner
Lebanon-Laclede County Library	\$12,265	copier, controller unit, server
Little Dixie Regional Libraries	\$5,300	phone system
Little Dixie Regional Libraries	\$11,626	reader-printer
McDonald County Library	\$1,982	copier
McDonald County Library	\$3,830	video rewinder
Mexico-Audrain County Library	\$10,090	security system
Mountain View Public Library	\$10,200	data projector, screen, laptop printer
Nevada Public Library	\$26,023	digital book scanner, digital, microfilm scanner
Northeast Missouri Library Service	\$12,000	copiers, fax, typewriters, PCs, monitors, printers
Palmyra Bicentennial Public Library	\$2,145	copier, base, key counter

Upcoming Events



March 27-28

Coalition for Networked Information Conference
Washington, DC

March 28-April 1

Public Library Association Conference
Charlotte, NC

April is National Poetry Month

April 9-11

Missouri Association of School Librarians Spring Conference
Osage Beach

April 9-15

National Library Week

April 10-16

Young People's Poetry Week

April 13

International Special Librarians Day

April 15

Friends of Wolfner Library Annual Meeting
Jefferson City

April 25-28

Catholic Library Association Annual Conference
Baltimore

May 2

Missouri Delegation at National Library Legislative Day
Washington, DC

Donated supplies for libraries

Public libraries and libraries at schools and universities can receive new, donated supplies, through a nationwide not-for-profit network. Corporations contribute their overstock products and earn a federal tax deduction. The goods are then redistributed to 10,000 nonprofits and schools throughout the United States.

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For free information, call the nonprofit National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources at 800-562-0955.

LSTA Basic Equipment Grants – Tier 2 *(continued)*

<i>Library</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Equipment</i>
Polk County Library	\$12,260	copier, reader-printer
Ray County Public Library	\$2,400	copier
Riverside Regional Library	\$838	TVs, VCRs
Sikeston Public Library	\$859	word processor
Springfield-Greene County Library District	\$21,224	PC, book scanner, digital reader-printer
Sullivan County Public Library	\$840	fax, laminator, scanner
University City Public Library	\$4,954	printers
Webster County Library	\$8,642	reader-printer
West Plains Public Library	\$22,357	laminator copier, digital reader
Wright County Library	\$3,500	typewriters
Ferguson Municipal Public Library	\$16,702	PCs, laptop, printers, receipt printer, scanner
Ferguson Municipal Public Library	\$4,633	Adaptive equipment, table, PC with 21" monitor, big-key keyboards, specialized mice, screen magnification software, amplifier-speaker unit
TOTAL	\$301,897	

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